

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-23, 26, 27, 30, 34 and 37 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 24, 25, 31-33 and 38-41 are allowed.

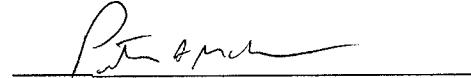
Claims 28-29, and 35-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In rejecting claims 28-29 and 35-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, the Examiner states that “determining the variation” was not described in the specification. Applicant amends claims 28 and 35 to remove this limitation from the claims. Applicant submits that claims 28 and 35, as well as the claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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